



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Keiichi SHIMIZU et al.  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows and consider the included remarks.